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REPORT

TOPIC Airfields of SCHOENWALDE

EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. 22 June 1949

Nine twin-engine DC-3s were parked in front of the closed hangars at the SCHOENWALDE (W 98/2 66) airfield at 7 p.m. One twin-engine aircraft landed at the field at 7:28 p.m. Description: Low-wing monoplane; double rudder assembly; elevator assembly slightly dihedral; retractable landing gear; cockpit with machine guns or cannon fire to the rear, red propeller hub. Two formations of four fighters practiced formation flying at an altitude of about five thousand feet.

2. 24 June 1949

The nine DC-3s were still parked in front of the hangars between 4:30 and 7 p.m. One biplane took off, heading south at 5:05 p.m. and landed again at 6:25 p.m. One high-wing monoplane (radial engine; comparatively large, closed cockpit under the wings) landed at the field at 5:15 p.m.

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3. 27 June 1949

The same nine DC-3s were again observed parking at the field, but there was no flying.

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4. 30 June 1949

Flying was done with four or five DC-3s between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at a visibility range of about three miles and a cloud ceiling of about 1,500 feet. After taking off, the aircraft circled the field once and then disappeared in the clouds without retracting their landing gears. Flying was stopped when the weather became clearer.

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trucks, loaded with building material, were observed at the field entrance gate [redacted]

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5. 2 July 1949

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Three twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly were observed taking off at 7 p.m. The passenger car [redacted] left the field.

6. 4 July 1949

Three twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly did steep turns and other practices at noon. [redacted] eight trucks were observed entering or leaving the field:

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7. 5 July 1949

Three twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly practiced formation flying about 2 p.m. According to observations made so far, flying was irregular and there were few local flights and these of a short duration.

8. 7 July 1949

Nine DC-3s were parked in front of the closed hangars. One DC-3 took off at 2 p.m. heading southwest. Two more biplanes took off later. A radio DF station, comprising four masts and a small wooden cabin, was located on the western field border.

[redacted] motor vehicles were observed at the field entrance:

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[redacted] passenger car
tank truck,
(immediately aft of driver's cab there was a vertical mast, from the upper section of which several steel rods branched off).

9. 9 July 1949

The nine DC-3s were still parked in front of the closed hangars at 7:30 p.m. [redacted]

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COMMENT:

a. The report confirms the [redacted] occupation of the SCHO WALLIE airfield [redacted]

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[redacted] a component training regiment of the III MAR Corps is assumed to be stationed in SOMCHU-KILLI. [redacted]

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[redacted] it is inferred that this regiment is assigned to the border division stationed in BINOW. Further information is required to clarify whether the observed LI-2s are assigned to this regiment as training planes or if they form a transport squadron.

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b. The hi-h-wing monoplane in par 2 probably is a Yek-14 plane.

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